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Dear Woodslee Families,

## Headteacher's Message

Here is our Spring Term 2 Woodslee Word. This is where parents can find out about the curriculum that their child is learning. You can also access our planning from our [curriculum page on our website](#). Thank you for your attendance at our Pupil Progress Meetings- it is fantastic to have your support- you are your child's first educators and it is vital that we continue our strong partnership to give every child in our Woodslee community the very best.



The Co-op Academies Trust have posted an [advert](#) for the next Headteacher at our academy. The position will be for an Executive Headteacher who will work at Woodslee for four days per week and at Co-op Academy Hillside for one day per week. I will keep you updated on the progress. Thank you all so so much for your kindness and heartfelt messages - it will be so hard to leave Woodslee at the end of August.

Wishing you all a wonderful Spring break. I hope that you spend some time outdoors with your friends and families as the weather improves and the nights are lighter.

We look forward to welcoming our children back to Co-op Academy Woodslee on Monday 17th April 2023 at 8:50am for their Summer Term.

Summer uniforms can be worn from 17th April but there is no expectation for parents to buy any new uniform. We wish for our children to feel comfortable, happy and safe in their uniform, without these feelings, they are unable to learn properly.

Please look after yourselves and each other.

Susannah McShane

Headteacher

## Reminders and Notices:

Squirrel Club is available during all half term holidays including Easter and the Summer break, so if you wish for your child to attend, please give Mr Carrington a call to book a place: 07808248555.

If you ever need Uniform, please pop in to our school office, we have pre-loved and washed uniforms for free.

Our A-Corner Shop will be available during the half term break as Squirrel Club is running everyday 7:30-6:00 pm so please grab a bag and stock up on those essentials! A member of the Squirrel Club staff will be able to assist you.

We would like to wish Mrs Stant and her husband huge congratulations as they will welcome a baby into their family in the new academic year. Mrs Stant will stay with us until September 2023. She will not be able to attend the planned Year 6 residential to Colomendy so Mr Prescott, Year 5, has stepped up and will lead the trip with Mr Burkett, Miss Doyle and Mrs Williams.

Thank you to Miss Greetham and Miss Dodd who have served our community at Woodslee. They have now moved on to exciting new roles out of primary education but we know that their learning journey here will support them in shaping their new futures.

Welcome to Miss Rooke, Mrs Schutte and Ms Jones who will join our Y3, Reception and Nursery Classes after Easter. We are really excited to have appointed some expert Level 3 Teaching Assistants who will help us achieve our mission: from Little Acorns Mighty Oaks Grow.

A big thank you to you, all of our parent volunteers and staff who made our discos, Mothers Day, World Book Day, our Easter Hampers and all other fundraising events. We have such a committed group of families - the plans are underway already for our annual WoodsFest (our Woodslee Summer Fair) ! If you would like to get involved, please contact our Chair of the Pta via email: [coopacademywoodsleepta@gmail.com](mailto:coopacademywoodsleepta@gmail.com) We are so blessed to have you as part of our community and your input helps every child at Woodslee to thrive.

Too Good To Go at Woodslee- Don't forget, you can order food and collect it at the end of the school day. We are trying to help our families by giving them ready made meals at a reduced rate of £1, please look out for the email or contact our school office team for information.

## Swimming

We are so excited to share with you that we are now hosting [Pools to Schools](#). The children will have their lessons at school without the need to travel back and forth to the swimming pool, wasting valuable learning time.

Pools for Schools offer:

Children will swim in groups of 12.

Filtered, heated pool at your school

Qualified swimming teachers & Lifeguards

## Insurance

- Children should wear a one-piece costume, or swimming trunks that are an appropriate length (above the knee) and have an elastic waist.
- No jewellery should be worn and hair should be tied up.
- Please ensure that your child also brings a towel
- Children are not to bring shower gel or shampoo we do not have shower facilities

## Swimming Timetable

### Week 1

	17th April	18th April	19th April	20th April	21st April
AM	Year 5 & Year 3	Year 5 & Year 3	Year 5 & Year 3	Year 5 & Year 3	Year 5 & Year 3
PM	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6

### Week 2

	24th April	25th April	26th April	27th April	28th April
AM	Year 4	Year 4	Year 4	Year 4	Year 4
PM	Year 6 catch up	Year 6 catch up	Year 6 catch up	Year 6 catch up	Year 6 catch up

Important Dates for your diaries: Please note the changes to the original calendar are in yellow.

### Summer Term 2023

SUMMER TERM 1 6 Week Half Term 30 school days 0 INSET Days 2 Bank Holidays			
SUMMER	DATE	TIME & PLACE	EVENT
APRIL	Monday 17th	8:50am	Children return to academy
	Thursday 20th	1600-1745 Community Room	PTA Meeting CYLs to attend 3:30-4:30pm
	Friday 28th	School Hall 1800-2030	Pizza and Movie Night (Family event-adults and children) Family ticket £10 includes popcorn and large pizza Additional pizzas £5 (from Dominos)
SUMMER	DATE	TIME & PLACE	EVENT
MAY	Monday 1st	School closed	May Bank Holiday
	Monday 8th	School closed	Additional Bank Holiday Charles III Coronation
	Tuesday 2nd- Friday 26th	May 2023	Year Two SATS Testing Period
	Tuesday 9th May- Friday 12th May	YEAR 6 SATS	
		Date	Exam
		Tuesday 9 May	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Paper 1  Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Paper 1
		Wednesday 10 May	English Reading
		Thursday 11 May	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

		Friday 12 May	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)
		KS2 SATs Week Breakfast at Squirrel Club for Year 6 pupils from 0815- FREE- Monday- Friday	
	Friday 12th	<a href="#">2023 Year 6 - Cinema Trip</a>	No cost for parents Consent on Scopay by 11th May <b>Trip in the afternoon</b>
	Monday 15th	1330-1520/1530	Love Learning Event: Religious Education Parents visit their child's classroom EYFS-Y6
	Friday 19th	All Day	Pyjamarama Day-Children wear their pyjamas to school and favourite bedtime story. Children bring a donation for Woodsfest (bottles)
		0915-1015 School Hall	Willow Class Assembly Theme: What is special about our world?
		1415-1515 Main Field	Sports Day for Y5 and Y6 including Birch Class (Y5&Y6)
	22-26th May 2023	Kingswood Colomendy	Y6 Residential <a href="#">Y6 residential letter 2023.docx</a> -Coach will leave at 1200 from the front of the school on Monday 22nd. Parents can wave children off if they wish. -Coach will return by 1500 on the 26th.  Full payments to be received by 7th July 2023.
	Friday 26th	0915-1015 EYFS Field	Sports Day EYFS Nursery and Reception
		1100-1200 Main Field	Sports Day KS1 Year 1 and Year 2
		13;15-1415 Main Field	Sports Day Y3 and Y4 including Birch class (Y3&Y4)
		1415-1515 School Hall	Half Term Hero Assembly

HALF TERM  
May Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023

Half Term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

SUMMER TERM 2  
7 Week Term  
34 School Days  
1 Bank Holiday  
2 INSET DAYS

SUMMER	DATE	TIME & PLACE	EVENT
JUNE	Monday 5th	All Day	INSET Day Children do not attend school on this day
	Tuesday 6th- Friday 23rd	3 week period	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Period
		Before and After school	Woodsfest Raffle Tickets on sale
	Monday 12th	All week	Phonics Screening Check Week for all Year 1 pupils
	Friday 9th	All day	Class Photos Tempest Photo Day
	Wednesday 14th	1000-1200	Careers Fair- for Year 6 and families Parents from any year group can host a stall
	Friday 16th	After School Playground	Father's Day Gift Shop
	Saturday 24th	1100-1500	WOODSFEST Our Summer Fair
	Wednesday 28th	1330-1520/ 1530	Love Learning Event Parents visit their child's classroom EYFS-Y6
	Thursday 29th	1730-0830	<u>Year 6 Sleep Under the Stars</u> <u>£5 per child</u> -Children stay overnight on the field. They can go home in the morning but must return to school by 10.30am. <a href="#">Sleep Under The Stars 2023</a>
	Friday 30th	0915-1015	Blossom Class Assembly Theme: What is special about our community? Parents welcome
		1330-1515	Year 6 Fundraising Event Car Wash

		*Last car at 1500	£5 per car- parents can book their car wash via the school office.
		After school	Year 6 Fundraising Event Ice Lolly Sale 30p each
SUMMER	DATE	TIME & PLACE	EVENT
JULY	Week of 3rd TBC by WBC	All day	Transition Day- all children meet their new class teacher for the next academic year Year 6 → visit their new Secondary schools
	Friday 7th	TBC	Provisional Second date for Sports Day
		0915-1015 School Hall	Birch Class Assembly Theme: Community-Love your Neighbour Parents Welcome
	Monday 10th	All week	All Pupils' Summer Term Reports shared with parents
			Scholastic Book Fair (Before and After School)
		1400-1520	Y6 End of Year Performance: Buggy Malone Dress Rehearsal Families invited
	Tuesday 11th	1530-1700	Y6 End of Year Performance: Buggy Malone Families invited
	Wednesday 12th	1530-1700	Y6 End of Year Performance: Buggy Malone Families invited
	Thursday 13th	7pm The Village Hotel Bromborough	Y6 Prom <a href="#">Prom 2023 Letter</a>
	Monday 17th	1545-1700	Pupil Progress Conference
	Tuesday 18th	1100 Bromborough Evangelical Church	Y6 Leavers' Service Parents invited
		School Hall 1415-1515	Half Term Hero Assembly
		School Hall	Summer Disco EYFS and KS1 1600-1700

			KS2 and Birch 1715-1815 Pay on the day £3:50 per child includes crisps, sweets and drink £1 for sweet cone
	Wednesday 19th	Main School Field 1330-1445	Own clothes day- All Pupils Picnic on the field with friends and teachers Water Fight: Reception-Y6- Children bring in donations for A-Corner Shop
		1300-1530 Hall & Foundation Stage Field	Foundation Stage 1 Graduation (Hall) and Teddy Bears Picnic with parents (Field) *For all children in Apple Class moving into Blossom class in September 2023*
	Thursday 20th	All Day	INSET Day Children do not attend school on this day
<p>Summer Break begins for children on Thursday 20th July 2023  <u>Children return to the academy on Tuesday 5th September 2023</u></p>			
<p>Total:  190 School Days for pupils  39 weeks including 5 INSET days</p>			

## Apple Class

This half term Apple Class has loved learning about journeys. We have been reading 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. We have enjoyed predicting where we think the little girl is going on her journey, what she is drawing with her magic pencil and using our magic pencils to draw our own pictures too! In our small world area we have been using our





imagination and creativity to develop our own journey stories with our friends.

Each morning in Apple class we now enjoy voting for our snack time book including working together to count the votes to find out which book has the most.

In maths we have made repeating patterns. We have also been using 5 frames, matching numerals to amounts and been practising showing fingers numbers and subitising.



In phonics we have been learning new sounds m, a, s, d, t and i. We have been practising writing them in shaving foam, rice, sand, mud, paint and on our paper.



We were lucky to see Bruno again this half term, we were able to brush him, have a story with him and learn a little bit more about how you look after a dog.



We have also enjoyed working as a team regularly to make playdough, measuring and weighing out the ingredients and making giant bubbles. Mrs Morris.



## Blossom Class

This has been another busy half term in Blossom class. Our topic has been all about Journeys and in English lessons we have been reading the book '*The Journey Home*' by Emma Levey. Here are some examples of the wonderful sentences we have produced. We are developing our language skills through learning new vocabulary and we have practised saying our sentences out loud before writing them to focus on developing both our language and our writing skills. We have learnt new words such as teetered and soared.

In maths, we have been focusing on number bonds to 5 and we have just started looking at number bonds to 10.

We have learnt different ways we can split a number using a part-part-whole model.



We have looked at different forms of transport as part of our Journeys topic and we have looked at transport that was used in the past and compared it to the transport we use today. We know that transport is a way to take people from one place to another and we have talked about the different types of transport we have used ourselves. Next term, we can't wait to start our next topic 'Growing' and we will be visiting a garden centre as part of this exciting topic.

Mrs McGowan



## Willow Class

In Year 1 this term we have been reading '*The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth*' by Ellie Hattie and working hard on building our stamina for writing, we have created some wonderful pieces of work; including speech and adjectives.





In Maths we have learnt all about time and money.

We are getting really good at recognising the different types of coins we use in the United Kingdom and working out how much items cost in our classroom 'shop'.



Our Design and Technology lessons have introduced us to all types of fruit and vegetables as we prepare to design and make our own healthy fruit smoothies. We enjoyed the mango and kiwi, but we weren't too keen on the celery!



In Science we have continued to look at the properties of everyday materials. We have investigated which materials are

transparent, translucent and opaque. We have also been investigating which materials are waterproof and which are not as we designed an umbrella for our teddies.



We have explored the United Kingdom in our Geography lessons and shared our Own family's heritage with our friends. We had a great time creating outdoor compasses and learning about North, South, East and West.



In our PE lessons we have been exploring how to move like animals, creating big and small shapes with our bodies.

What a fun and exciting term we have had. We are looking forward to our new topics next term! Miss Tappin.

### Cherry Class

Children have been our Maths lessons and have secured understanding of have been working tricky two-step involving change! Children learnt the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. They loved finding the lines of symmetry with mirrors!



very busy in this half-term their money. They on some problems calculating have also



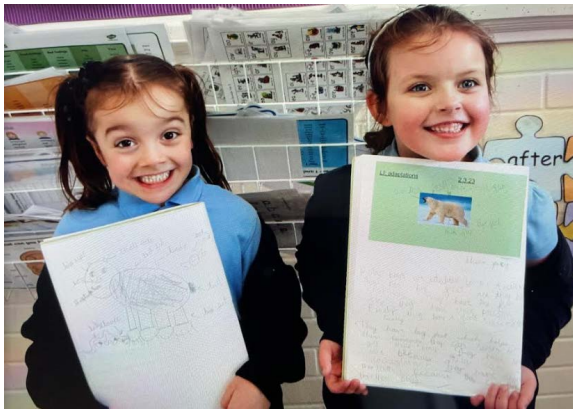
Year 2 have shown real enthusiasm for their book this half-term 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy'. We have learnt new vocabulary surrounding World War II and the evacuation process back in the 1940s. Children have worked incredibly hard to enrich their



writing with adverbs, conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and varied sentence types.



DT lessons have been great fun as we have worked towards making our healthy wraps! Year 2 have considered what healthy alternatives we can make and how to fit the design criteria. Look at our amazing bridge and claw cuts! We look forward to finishing off the making and evaluating process when we come back to school.



In Science we have continued exploring habitats and animal adaptations. We have really enjoyed considering how animals such as polar bears and camels are adapted to their environment. We have also looked at food chains and learnt some impressive vocabulary such as 'producer' and 'consumer!'



We have been exploring the significance of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection in our RE lessons. Children have shown a great maturity and have been practising their debating skills, considering whether or not they personally believe in the Easter story.

As we look towards the SATs testing period after Easter we encourage children to keep up with some homework over the holiday period. This can be as simple as logging onto TTRS, Numbots and Spelling Shed or reading a favourite book. Remember to have lots of fun too!

Miss Bennett

## Rowan Class- Spring 2

Even though it has been a shorter half term than usual, we have certainly managed to cram in a lot of fun learning experiences! A particular highlight was when we all went to the Liverpool Philharmonic to enjoy a live concert performed by the talented orchestra. The orchestra totally brought the music to life and our children were absolutely mesmerised.

In maths, children have been learning about different ways to measure, including length, weight and time. The Rowan class superstars are getting really good at working out totals so they should be a good help next time you go shopping.

We were lucky enough to work with the LFC foundation this half term to do a social project based around caring for our environment. Children made fantastic posters encouraging others to be more eco friendly and they also decorated plant pots and planted







seeds. I would be really interested to find out how the sunflowers develop so please send in photos of them growing. I wonder who will grow the tallest tree. Can you estimate its height?

World Book Day is a firm favourite in Woodslee's calendar and this year was no exception. Our wonderful PTA organised a sponsored bounce to raise money to purchase new books and children and their families did themselves proud with the amazing tee-shirts that they decorated.

Well done to all for another wonderful term of learning. Have an 'eggcellent' Easter break and I can't wait to see for the start of the summer term. Spring 2.



## Birch Class - Spring 2

It has been a short but busy half term in Birch. The children have started planting in our new potato patch, as part of their science topic. They have also enjoyed planting and nurturing our sunflowers!

In English our children in Upper Key Stage 2 have been reading 'The Darkest Dark', a brilliant book based on the life of astronaut Chris Hadfield. They eagerly wrote their own biographies based on people who inspire them. Furthermore, some of our younger children have been focusing on perfecting letter formation and using describing words when writing.

Our Geography lessons have sparked some interesting and important conversations all about how we can help reduce our carbon footprint and support the global warming crisis. The children came up with the idea to take litter pickers on our walk to the local shop after learning about how litter damages our oceans and living things.

During our walk they discussed road safety and looking out for road signs and cars. They had lots of fun picking a treat of their choice and calculating the change needed! Miss Ball



## Hazel Class

What another incredible term for our year 4 children! In maths, the children have been learning how to record data in the form of pictograms, bar charts and line graphs, linking in with our computing topic on how to log data effectively. In English, we have continued with our theme of volcanoes through our reading of 'When the Giant Stirred', allowing us to make comparisons between the different texts we have read. We have also loved reading 'Ariki and the Island of Wonders' and following the story of the young girl as she gets into lots of mischief with her best friend Ipo and pet pig Bad Boy!



What better way to celebrate our love of reading than world book day and this year our pupils designed their own t-shirts, inspired by their favourite stories. Our sponsored bounce was a huge success and we even got to visit our youngest acorns in F2 to read with them. Year 4 absolutely loved this and can't wait to do it again soon!!







Year 4 have continued with their weekly violin lessons and we are thrilled to announce that this will continue until the end of summer term 2. We look forward to inviting you to the academy to showcase what we have learnt so far. Dates to follow for this. Visiting the Philharmonic and watching the orchestra was so inspiring to our budding musicians and with continued practice I wonder if we will see some of them on that very stage one day!

We have been incredibly fortunate to have been selected to take part in the #iwill project, delivered by the LFC foundation this term. The project aims to encourage young people to inspire and support their local community, raising awareness of issues that people in the local area may face. Hazel class decided that their community project would tackle issues around pollution and littering. Over the last six weeks, the children have carefully thought about how they will promote the project and they have accumulated lots of ideas for their campaign. Doesn't our wall of fame look fantastic?



We ended our project with a litter pick around the local area to help tackle the issues with pollution and littering. Year 4 were surprised at just how much rubbish they collected in such a short distance. We hope we have inspired people in the local community to show they care and to find a bin and put it in! You can find out more about the project by visiting the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=842dDXnXEnk>



In science, we have been learning all about states of matter and we have carried out some experiments to measure the amount of carbon dioxide in different fizzy drinks. We also monitored changes in the temperature of water over time and we will plot our results on line graphs to see if our hypothesis is correct.



What a brilliant term for our Hazel class children. As always, they have worked so hard and have done so with huge smiles on their faces. What a fabulous group of children I get to work with everyday, I am so lucky! We have continued to practise our times tables daily and some of our favourite songs can be found below. As our times table assessment is fast approaching, please continue to encourage your children to practise their times tables at every opportunity and encourage them to attend TTRS club every Tuesday from 3.30pm-4.15pm. Children should also be accessing TTRS and Numbots regularly at home for homework and this will benefit the children massively as they edge closer to year 5. You can also access MTC on the link below and this is very similar to the times table check that the children will sit during summer term.

<https://urbrainy.com/mtc>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdF\\_vFAxwas](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdF_vFAxwas)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z\\_BJjR9rdwA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_BJjR9rdwA)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7rYbk9PNuM>

Thank you for your continued support and have a relaxing Easter break!

Miss Neil.



## Holly Class

During this half term, Holly class have made some incredible improvements in their academic abilities. We have explored complex fraction questions in mathematics and every student has shown a good understanding of how to work through these questions. With Year 6 approaching fast, this will really pay off.



In English, we have explored the life and legacy of Chris Hadfield, commander of the International Space Station (ISS). The pupils have taken a really strong interest in space travel, the achievements of Chris and have even managed to write a detailed biography of his life.

Well done to everyone!

In science, Year 5 has explored the life cycles of different living



things, from plants all the way to dinosaurs!

We have even planted our own potatoes in an experiment to see how well they grow in different conditions. We are really looking forward to the results of this experiment when they start to sprout!

We are bakers! What an incredible bunch of little chefs we have! This term, the children explored the different types of bread from around the world and even went on to bake their own loaves of tiger bread! What a delicious treat this was on a Friday morning for us!

Run for animals! This term, Holly class has had the pleasure of welcoming the LFC foundation every week. In these sessions, we planned an event for supporting social change and the children took part in a 30 minute fun run to raise awareness of animal abuse. Such a caring and committed group of children!



Finally, the students enjoyed a trip to Bromborough Methodist Church for a workshop based on Easter Sunday and the week leading up to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thank you so much to the Church, we learned a lot and really enjoyed the stories!

Well done on a fantastic half term of learning Year 5, enjoy the break!  
Mr Prescott

## Oak Class



What a busy five weeks we have had in Year 6! It may have only been a short term however we have made the most of every second of our learning in the run up to our SATS examinations in May!

In English, we have been learning about how an island is formed with our class text '*Island, The Story of the Galapagos*'. The children have really engaged themselves in each aspect of their learning and have created their own journalistic report based on Charles Darwin and the Galapagos Islands. They have been focusing on using the present perfect tense, passive voice and colons to uplevel

their writing. In Reading Response, we have been exploring the Amazon Rainforest with our text '*The Explorer*', following the journey of 4 children lost in the rainforest. The children have been working on their VIPERS, in particular, making sure they provide evidence from the text and explain their answers in detail. We also had some fantastic outfits for our World Book Day! Thank you for your support with this!

In Maths we have covered a wide range of new skills from statistics to geometry. These tricky new concepts have been met with a drive to learn which has been great to see! We only have a small amount of school days left until our SATS so it is vital that the children continue to revise over the Easter period if possible.

The children have absolutely loved our DT this half term, they focused on traditional foods and looked at the origin of the famous dish 'scouse' and how to make their

own. Over the past 5 weeks, they have researched what a healthy balanced diet is, researched where scouse came from, designed their own recipe and created their very own version - they were delicious!

Year 6 loved their trip to the Liverpool Philharmonic Theatre this half term, it was fantastic to see them all get involved with the 'Sensational Time Machine' concert, singing loud and proud for all to hear!



This has been a busy half term with lots of progress made. We thank you for your support so far. With our SATS just around the corner, we are holding our Easter School on Monday 3rd April - Wednesday 5th April, 9am-12pm and welcome all Year 6 children to join!

Mrs Stant



